

Issue 11, March (2) 2024-2025

Hello everyone! Final newsletter of the spring term!

This weekend, Eid celebrations are taking place around the world. I would like to wish all our Muslim families Eid Mubarak. I would like to wish all staff, students and families a Blessed Easter. A Happy Baisakhi to our Sikh families.

Well done to Nisarg, Durva and Sartaj for representing the school at the Young Musicians of the Year Showcase on 11th March 2026. They performed and sang two pieces of music—Interstellar by Hans Zimmer and Seven Nations Army by The White Stripes. We are so very proud of your musical talents!

As we come to the end of the term, we will be bidding farewell to Ms Agule, so we thank her for her work with our children and wish her all the best.

Finally I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all parents/carers who attended school based workshops and meetings this term to support your child/ren make more progress in their learning.

Have a good Easter break, school finishes on Friday 27th March 2026 at 2.00 pm. All students should return to school on Monday 13th April 2026. Happy holidays!

*Best wishes—Ms. H. Buttar*

## Events—Curriculum and Special Days

School closes at 2pm on the 27th March 2026

School opens after Easter holidays on the 13th March 2026

### Getting organised

One of the most important study skills that your child can learn at primary is how to organise their work for independent study. At primary school, most of your child's work is allocated by their class teacher and so they don't often get the chance to manage their own workload. When it comes to studying at home however, your child needs to be able to organise their studying on their own.

As a parent, you can help your child develop organisation skills by encouraging them to plan ahead and document their tasks. Creating study planners, mind maps, to-do lists and using diaries are all good ways to help your child plan their work.

You should also make sure that they have all the resources they need to study outside the classroom. For example, creating a quiet space at home that has all the books and stationery that they'll need can provide them with a good starting point.

### Research Skills

Every now and then, your child will come across a topic or concept that they don't quite grasp. And if they're studying at home, they won't have the luxury of being able to ask their teacher for help. This is where having good research skills comes in useful.

Encourage your child to use the resources they have to hand. This could include you, as a parent, books, textbooks, the internet, or friends. Likewise, you should encourage your child to use more than one source of information. By double-checking facts and figures against various sources, your child will be far more likely to arrive at the correct answer or methodology.

Whether your child is preparing for a primary school exam, or simply revising for a class test, helping them develop effective study skills will benefit them now and in the future.

### Time Management

Most primary school kids are used to being told what to study and when, so it's no surprise that they often find it difficult to manage their time when studying or revising on their own. You can help your child improve their time management skills by helping them allocate specific time periods to certain tasks.

For example, if they're studying for the Year 6 Sats, you might suggest that the first night, they allocate half an hour to Maths and half an hour to SPAG, followed by half an hour of Reading and Arithmetic Maths the following night.

Using practice exam papers can also help develop your child's time management skills, especially if they take them under timed conditions. By encouraging your child to do practice papers under exam conditions, they'll be able to identify what types of questions take longer and therefore

- Use revision games. Exercises like Teacher Roleplay and quizzes can make learning that little bit more fun and help your child retain information in a more relaxed mindset.
- Do the hard stuff first. It's natural for primary kids to procrastinate on difficult tasks but encouraging them to tackle the hard stuff first will make the rest of their studying more enjoyable.

### Note-Taking Skills

Note-taking is an essential skill that your child will use throughout their academic career. You can help your child develop these skills by encouraging them to identify important information and pick out keywords and phrases.

Encourage your child to be an active listener and to decide what information is the most important. The number one mistake that students make when note-taking is writing down every single word. By encouraging them to abbreviate and use symbols, they'll be able to take down notes much quicker and they'll be able to understand them afterwards.

It's also a good idea to encourage your child to focus on the quality of their handwriting. Because note-taking can be time-sensitive, students have a tendency to scribble down notes without paying much attention to legibility. If your child can take legible notes quickly, they'll have a far easier time when it comes to revising them after.

### Revision and Studying Skills

- Start studying early. The more time your child has to study, the more material they'll be able to cover before the day of the test.
- Revise little and often. It can be tempting to allocate large chunks of time to studying in the run up to a test, but breaking down study time into smaller chunks will help your child retain information better.
- Record revision notes. Encouraging your child to read their written notes aloud into a voice recorder can help them remember important information. It also encourages them to take good notes in the first place, knowing that they'll be referring to them again later.

# WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



## Top Attendance for the Week commencing 09/03/2026

	Week Commencing 09/03/2026	(%)	Learning hours Lost
1	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	97.9%	30
1	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	97.5%	30
2	Year 4: Nicola Tesla	96.8%	37
2	Year 5: Archimedes	96.7%	37
3	Year 2: Otter	95.8%	47.5
3	Year 1: Rabbit Class	95.1%	47.5
4	Year 6: Renzo Piano	94.8%	55
4	Year 2: Fox	94.7%	55
4	Reception: Grasshopper Class	94.4%	55
4	Year 2: Badger	94.0%	55
4	Year 1: Mole Class	94.0%	55
5	Year 3: Charles Dickens	93.7%	65
5	Year 6: Norman Foster	93.7%	65
5	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	93.7%	65
5	Year 4: Charles Darwin	93.3%	65
6	Year 4: Marie Curie	92.7%	75
7	Year 3: Maya Angelou	91.5%	85
8	Year 1: Squirrel Class	90.9%	95
8	Reception: Butterfly Class	90.7%	95
8	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	90.5%	95
8	Reception: Ladybird Class	90.1%	95

## Top Attendance for the Week commencing 20/03/2026

	Week Commencing 20/03/2026		Learning hours Lost
1	Year 2: Fox	91.7%	85
2	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	90.7%	95
3	Year 4: Nicola Tesla	87.5%	125
4	Year 4: Charles Darwin	86.4%	135
5	Reception: Ladybird Class	85.9%	142
5	Year 6: Norman Foster	85.7%	142
5	Reception: Grasshopper Class	85.0%	142
5	Year 2: Otter	85.0%	142
5	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	85.0%	142
5	Year 3: Maya Angelou	85.0%	142
6	Year 5: Archimedes	84.4%	152
6	Year 3: Charles Dickens	84.3%	152
6	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	84.3%	152
7	Year 4: Marie Curie	83.8%	160
8	Year 2: Badger	82.9%	170
8	Year 6: Renzo Piano	82.7%	170
9	Year 1: Rabbit Class	81.6%	180
9	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	81.4%	180
9	Year 1: Mole Class	81.4%	180
9	Reception: Butterfly Class	81.3%	180
10	Year 1: Squirrel Class	71.1%	

## Attendance Reminders

Lake Farm Park Academy has high expectations for every student from the moment they join our school. Children have the right to a high quality education and we provide this at Lake Farm Park Academy. High attendance is necessary to ensure that your child benefits fully from the learning opportunities on offer and to ensure they leave school having developed positive lifelong habits and as well rounded individuals.

## Medical Appointments

Appointments, where possible, should be made outside of school hours or in the holiday period. This includes routine dental appointments. If this is unavoidable, your child should still attend school before or after the appointment where possible. Any session missed that was deemed reasonable to attend will be marked as unauthorised leave.

## Absence Requests

Absence requests will only be considered for exceptional circumstances and these are dealt with on an individual basis.

### What to do if your child cannot attend school:

**Absence must be reported on a daily basis.** You must contact the school (**before 9.00am**) on the first day of absence. This can be done by emailing

lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org or by calling the school number 02085732622 option 1. Please leave the Child's name, class and the reason why they cannot attend school. If they are ill, please give a clear explanation of their condition. **For a prolonged absence due to illness, medical evidence will be requested.** This can be in the form of a prescription, medical paperwork or an appointment card/letter.



# Lake Farm Park Academy

*Learning, Achieving, Aspiring Together*

## PUNCTUALITY

How does this affect children?

If your child arrives late in school, he / she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson. They also disturb the learning of other students as the teacher has to acknowledge the lateness and go through the lesson with the child. Did you know how much learning children might miss out due to lateness?

Minutes late per day during school year	Equal days of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

What can we do to help?

Ensure your child arrives on time. Children are able to come onto the school grounds at 8:30am or book them in the breakfast club through Get Active

Prepare for school the night before, including your book bag, lunch and uniform etc.

Punctuality is important for children to start the day well but also a good habit for life. If you need support or advice about punctuality please contact Miss. Dickerson or email

lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org

## London Borough of Hillingdon & Ealing School Competition

  
**Uxbridge/HECA Chess Championships**  
 Juniors U8 U10 U12  
 Seniors U14 U18  
 Plus, **School team competition**  
 Rapid 25 plus 5

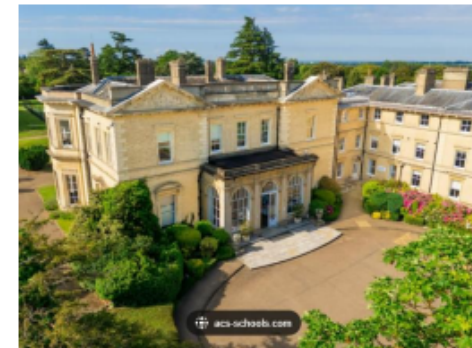
## Uxbridge Junior Chess Club



### Chess Tournament

*Capacity is 80 so Advisable to Enter Early*

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



*The school has free car parking*

**ACS School Hillingdon, 108 Vine Lane,  
Uxbridge UB10 0BE**

### ENTRY FORM

Please complete this form below

Section entered	u8, u10, u12, u14, u18
FIRST NAME	
SURNAME	
DATE OF BIRTH	
GENDER	MALE/FEMALE
ADDRESS/POSTCODE	
EMAIL	
CONTACT NO.	
SCHOOL	
ECF GRADE Rapid- play	
ECF MEMBERSHIP NO.	
HALF POINT BYE?	
ENTRY FEE	ECF member - £12 Non ECF member - £15
JOINING THE ECF English Chess Federation	<a href="https://ecf.justgo.com">https://ecf.justgo.com</a> Silver junior membership is free first time, after that is £6 for a year. So, the games can be sent off for grading
PAYMENT METHOD	BACS payment to Uxbridge Junior Chess Club Sort: 309950 Acc: 42841360
	Please email entry confirmation to Daniel Knight <a href="mailto:uxbridgejuniorchessclub@hotmail.com">uxbridgejuniorchessclub@hotmail.com</a>

## SECTIONS

### Age limit sections

Under 8 / Under 10 / Under 12 / Under 16 / Under 20  
Sections

*This is worked out on year groups, Players must have been under the section age on 31.8.2025*

*ECF Rapid play Grades will be used.*

### Which section should I enter?

All results will be submitted to the ECF for grading. Most juniors enter the age limit sections. These correspond to School Years, i.e. Under 8 is for Year 3 or below, Under 10 for Year 4 or 5 or 6 Under 12

*The best local Juniors will be invited to compete for LB of Hillingdon Borough Chess teams in National events.*

## ENTRY FEES

**All sections** £12 if paid in advance if ECF silver member or higher, £15 paid on the day or not ECF members.

You can sign up for free junior silver membership in the first year at <https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-membership-rates-and-joining-details/>

## ENQUIRIES

For further information or to check on an entry please contact

**Tournament Secretary:** Daniel Knight,  
email: [Uxbridgejuniorchessclub@hotmail.com](mailto:Uxbridgejuniorchessclub@hotmail.com)  
or phone: 07834 267109

## TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Each player will be allowed 25 minutes plus 5 seconds a move per game.

This is not a knockout tournament.

Swiss pairings will be used.

All competitors play in every round.

All sections will be played to ECF Rapid play rules using chess clocks. (Help will be given to those not used to clocks)

The ECF publishes the Grading list on their website. If you wish to have your Grading details (Grading Reference Number, Name, Club(s), Grade(s), Grading Category) withheld from the website version please contact the ECF, [www.englishchess.org.uk](http://www.englishchess.org.uk).

The organisers reserve the right to merge sections in the event of a section receiving insufficient entries.

Parents and friends are welcome to stay, but should note that only stewards and players will be allowed in the playing areas. We do not provide any supervision of children between rounds so you must stay to look after your own children or arrange for another adult to be responsible for your children.

## TIMETABLE

10am	Doors open	1pm	Round 3
10.15am	Introduction	2pm	Round 4
11.10am	Round 1	3pm	Round 5
12	Round 2	4pm	Awards

Will be awarded at the end of the competition, around 4pm

## REFRESHMENTS

Hot and cold refreshments will be on sale at reasonable prices: hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, crisps etc.

## School Team Previous Champions

### Junior Schools

*St Helens School, Hillingdon Jan & July 2025*  
*St Catherines School, West Drayton Jan & July 2024*  
*Whiteheath School, Ruislip July 2023*

### Senior Schools

*Merchant Taylors School July 2025*  
*Ruislip High School July 2024*  
*York House, Croxley Green July 2023*

### Individual Borough champions Jan 2025

*living/school in London Borough of Hillingdon & Ealing area*

**U8 Winner:** *Aneeksha Sonal 5.5/6*

**Borough Winner:** *Kevin Nguyen 5/6*

**U10 Winner:** *Lucas Edmondson 6/6*

**U12 Winners:** *Ismael Ali, Abikkash Jeyachandran, Aakash Bansal 5/6*

**Seniors Winners:** *Pranav Mangalagiri & Aryan Sharma 5/6*

## PRIZES

**Individual trophies, medals** will be awarded to the top 3 players in each age group.

Plus, top girl in each age group section.

Certificates will be awarded to entrants.

**School Team Champions Trophies** will be awarded to the top Junior, Senior School with most points, medals also awarded to players.

**Ties:** If there is two teams with equal scores, it will be broken by sum of progressive scores.



# Easter Holidays Chess Camp



Uxbridge Junior  
Chess Club

**Tues 7th April 10 am to 3 pm**  
Puzzles, Hand 🖐️ and Brain 🧠  
Rapid 10+5 Tournament

**Weds 8th April 10 am to 3 pm**  
Puzzles, lessons,  
Simul Vs Coaches  
£100+ Prize money

**Thur 9th April 10 am to 3 pm**  
Puzzles, lessons, games  
Blitz 5+3 Tournament



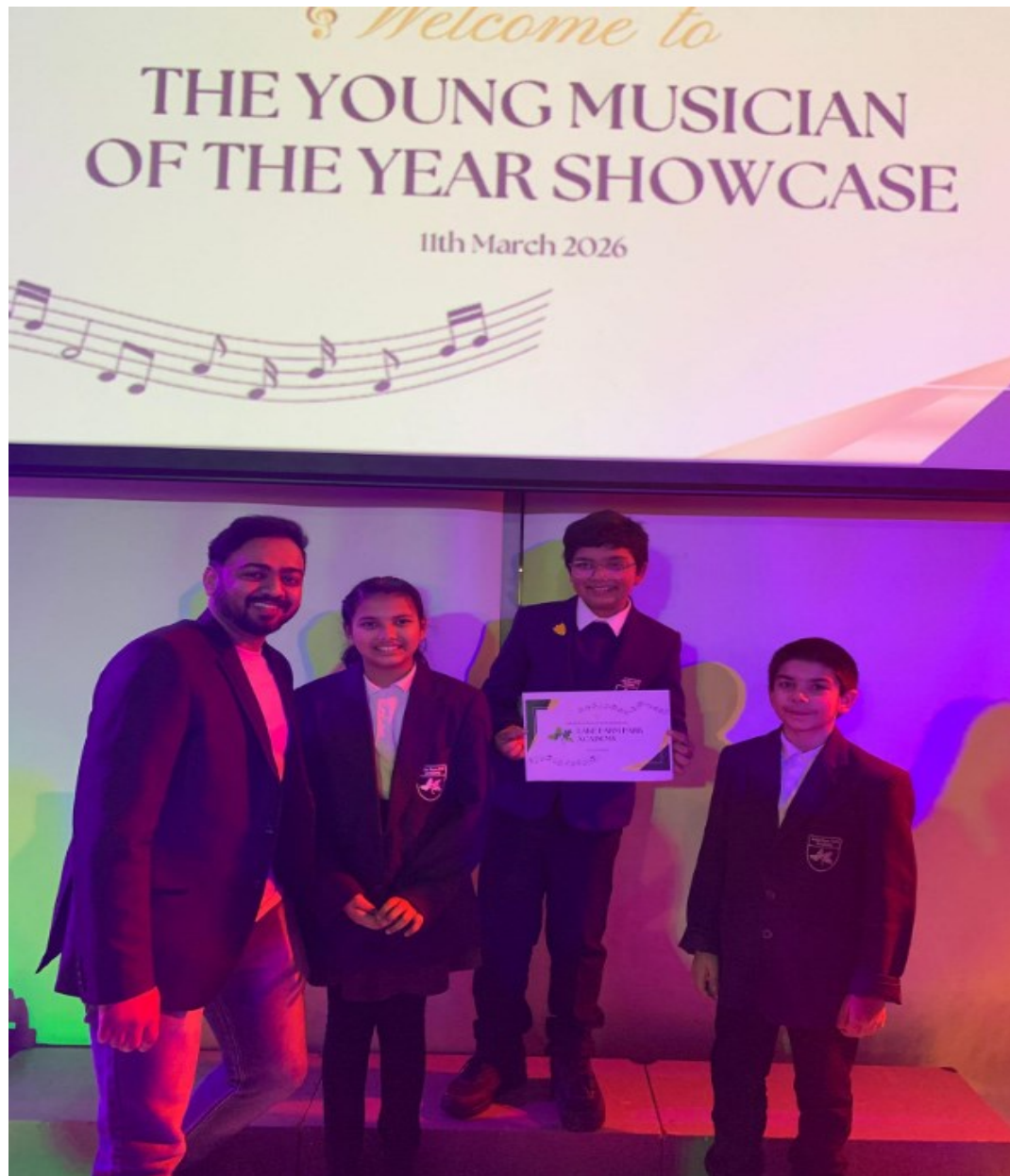
**£30 a day or £75 for all 3 days**

To join:  
Full name, Contact no. , ECF no.

Payable to:  
Uxbridge Junior Chess Club  
Acc. 42841360 Sort:309950  
Childs name for reference

Venue: Lady of Lourdes Church hall  
Osborne Rd. Uxbridge UB9 1UE  
Contact: Daniel knight 07834 267109  
Uxbridgejuniorchessclub@hotmail.com  
Contact: Mark Batchelor 07547 028586  
Markbatch43@gmail.com





Well done to Nisarg, Durva and Sartaj for representing the school at the Young Musicians of the Year Showcase